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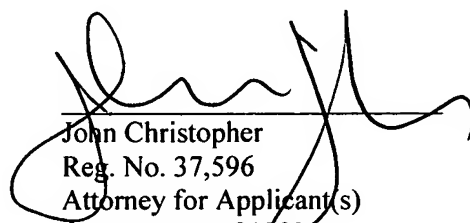
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)) extending to February 27, 2004 the period for response to the Official Action dated August 27, 2003. Payment in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed as the fee for Applicant's small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,

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